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FM AMCONSUL ST JOHNS

TO AMEMBASSY OTTAWA

INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 1277

95TH STRAT WG, GOOSE BAY AIRPORT UNN

UNCLAS ST JOHNS 247

E.O. 11652 N/A

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SUBJ MUNICIPAL VEHICLE AX

REF STJOHNS 234 AND PREVIOUS

1. COURT CASE AGAINST USAF PERSONNEL WAS PUT OVER TO OCT 24. THEREAFTER, DEPUTY MINISTER OF PROVINCIAL DEPT OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS ADVISED HAPPY VALLEY-GOOSE BAY TOWN COUNCIL THAT IT SHOULD DROP ISSUE SINCE COUNCIL DID NOT HAVE LEGAL LEG TO STAND ON. HV-GB TOWN COUNCIL CHOSE TO IGNORE THIS ADVICE, HOWEVER, AND RECENTLY ANNOUNCED ITS INTENTION TO PRESS ON WITH COURT CASE.

2. WHEN INFORMED OF THIS BY PRESS ARTICLE AND TELEX FROM GOOSE AB, I AGAIN PHONED DEPUTY MINISTER KEEPING AND ASKED FOR HIS ASSISTANCE. AFTER CONFERRING WITH PROVINCIAL DEPT OF JUSTICE, KEEPING INFORMED ME HE HAD MAILED TO HV-GB TOWN COUNCIL THE LEGAL OPINION SHOWING WHY THEY LACKED AUTHORITY TO IMPOSE TAX AND HAD CABLED THE TOWN COUNCIL DIRECTING THEM TO WITHDRAW LAWSUITS.

3. NOTE THAT KEEPING'S ACTION THIS TIME WAS DIRECT ORDER TO TOWN COUNCIL AND NOT MERELY SUGGESTION. IN REPLY TO QUERY FROM ME, KEEPING SAID COUNCIL MEMBERS COULD BE REMOVED IF THEY CHOSE TO IGNORE HIS ORDER WHICH WAS MADE UNDER AUTHORITY OF DEPT OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS AND HOUSING ACT.

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HE AGAIN ASKED THAT ACTION OF HIS DEPT NOT BE PUBLICIZED

IN ANY WAY.

4. FOR 95TH STRAT WG: THIS ANSWERS YOUR TELEX 053,
DTG 072000Z OCT 75. PLEASE CONTINUE KEEP THIS OFFICE
INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS.
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